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SENATE RESOLUTION 61
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A RESOLUTION To honor and recognize Ryan C. Edens, 2001
Co-Valedictorian of Harpeth High School.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and tireless commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Ryan C. Edens is one such exceptional student who was recently named Co-Valedictorian of the 2001 graduating class at Harpeth High School; and

WHEREAS, Through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unwavering commitment of time and talent, Ryan has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our Nation; and

WHEREAS, In his noteworthy high school career, Ryan Edens has earned an exemplary grade point average; his display of intellectual aptitude and ambition as a student at Harpeth High School surely bodes well for his future success; and

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WHEREAS, Highly respected by his teachers and his peers, he has served as the Student Representative for the committee to hire the new high school principal, School Newspaper Assistant Editor, and Vice President and President of the school's Band; he has participated in Mock Court, the Summer Science Collaborative for Young Scholars and Teachers in Physics, the Tennessee School Board Association's Student Congress on Policies in Education, the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C., the Hugh O'Brian Leadership Conference, and the Tennessee Governor's School for the Humanities; and

WHEREAS, Ryan C. Edens's commitment to excellence has earned him membership in the National Honor Society, the Beta Club, the Gifted and Talented Program, and the Society of International Academic Excellence; he has been awarded the Academic Award for track by the Athletic Booster Club, the Keyboard Award, the Academic Letter and Bars, the Outstanding Achievement Award in Physical Science, the Certificate of Merit in English, the United States Achievement Academy National Award, 1st place in the Society of American Military Engineers competition, and a listing in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and

WHEREAS, Ryan has been a talented and valuable member of his school's Marching Band, Concert Band, and Jazz Band; and

WHEREAS, A well-rounded individual, Ryan Edens has demonstrated tremendous athletic ability while participating in basketball, track, and Karate; he has played on the YMCA Basketball team, Junior Pro Basketball team, and his Church League Basketball Team; a talented student athlete, he received his Black Belt in Karate in June of 1995; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable young man has served as a tutor for four years and has volunteered in his community through Service Learning and the National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, His momentous achievement is a great source of pride for his parents, Charles and Donna Edens, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Ryan C. Edens's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor 2001 Harpeth High School Co-Valedictorian, Ryan C. Edens, commend him on his impressive academic achievements, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.